

ABSTRACT

Methods are disclosed for determining minute quantities of an analyte in a medium suspected of containing the analyte. One method comprises treating a medium suspected of containing an analyte under conditions such that the analyte, if present, causes a
5 substrate having an oxidant cleavable linker and a photosensitizer to come into close proximity. The photosensitizer generates singlet oxygen which oxidatively cleaves the linker to form a product which can be detected in a sandwich detection assay such as LOCI. The amount of product detected is related to the amount of analyte in the medium. Compositions, kits, and compounds are also disclosed.